

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
U.S. Application No. 09/883,131

Attorney Docket No. Q71763

### REMARKS

Claims 1 – 37 and 40 – 41 have been previously cancelled. Claims 38 and 39 are herein cancelled. Accordingly, claims 42 – 53 and 56 – 60 are presently pending in the application. Claims 51 and 60 are herein amended to correct for typographical errors. It is respectfully asserted that the amendment to claims 51 and 60 has nothing to do with amending for purposes of patentability and therefore does not give rise to any type of prosecution estoppel.

Claims 42 – 53 and 56 – 60 have been noted by the Examiner as allowable in the Office Action of March 31, 2004. Applicant thanks the Examiner for noting the allowable subject matter of these claims.

Applicant herein cancels claims 38 and 39, without prejudice or disclaimer, so as to expedite issuance of this application. (Applicant reserves the right to pursue any of the cancelled claims in a continuation application.) Therefore, because all presently pending claims are noted as allowable by the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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## PATENT APPLICATION

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## STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

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Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on

June 11, 2003:

REMARKS

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) was attached with the Office Action dated March 31, 2004. During the interview, Applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed claims 37 - 40 and 54, including how claim 37 overcame the prior art (U.S.P. Nos. 4,998,422 to Borgmann and 5,377,511 to Meckbach). The Examiner explained that claims 40 and 54 would require further consideration.

Applicant's representative notes that despite the allowable subject matter of claims 37 - 38, claim 37 - 41 and 54 are either: (i) concurrently herewith cancelled or (ii) have been

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previously cancelled, thereby expediting allowance of this application and making further discussion of the cancelled claims in view of the interview a moot subject.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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